

REMARKS

Status of Claims:

Claims 1-84 were pending in the application subject to restriction. Claims 8, 10, 11, 13, 14, 17-24, 33-58 and 84 were allowed. Claims 1-58, 62, 65 and 84 are hereby canceled without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, the subject matter contained therein. New claims 85-112 are hereby presented. Claims 59-61, 63-64, 66-83 and 85-112 are now pending. Each of the pending claims defines an invention that is novel and unobvious over the cited art. Favorable consideration of this case is respectfully requested.

Conclusion:

In view of the above, consideration and allowance are, therefore, respectfully solicited.

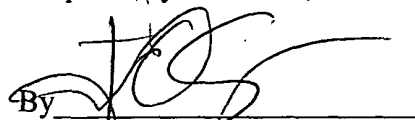
Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the foregoing amendments be entered, that the application as so amended receive an examination on the merits, and that the claims as now presented receive an early allowance.

In the event the Examiner believes an interview might serve to advance the prosecution of this application in any way, the undersigned attorney is available at the telephone number noted below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayment associated with this communication, including any extension fees or fees for the net addition of claims, to Deposit Account No. 22-0185.

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